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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7093**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1600

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 12, 2009

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Various election law matters.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Richardson

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** \_\_\_GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** Pending

**Summary of Legislation:** Makes the following changes to the election law: (1) Restates county reimbursement procedures for attending the annual election administrators' conference. (2) Specifies the contents of statewide voter registration system reports. (3) Specifies certain procedures in connection with voter list maintenance, and updates procedures for address changes of voter registration records in the statewide voter registration system. (4) Permits a county voter registration office to return to a candidate for President of the United States, United States Senator, or governor, after the petition is certified, an original petition that accompanies a declaration of candidacy. (5) Changes several dates concerning the certification of ballot questions and devices to conform to the date in current law for the certification of candidates. (6) Permits the dissolution of a committee without the waiver of outstanding civil penalties previously imposed on the committee, and specifies that the chairman or treasurer of the committee remains liable for any committee debts. (7) Requires that county voter registration records be updated not later than 60 days after election day or after completion of a recount or contest. (8) Allows an overseas voter to transmit an absentee ballot application by electronic mail. (9) Revises precinct boundary change procedures. (10) Provides that the voting system technical oversight program account is nonreverting. (11) Provides that voters who reside within the area of a municipality located in a vote center pilot county may vote using vote center pilot county procedures. (12) Amends provisions concerning candidate ballot vacancy procedures. (13) Repeals obsolete references concerning voting instructions, paper ballots, and special polling places.

**Effective Date:** Upon passage; July 1, 2009.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *As of the above date, the fiscal analysis of this bill has not been completed. Please contact the Office of Fiscal and Management Analysis for an update of this fiscal impact statement.*

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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